

ROCK COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2011

Rock County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

The quarterly meeting of the Rock County Traffic Safety Commission was held on October 12, 2011, at the Sheriff's Office at 9:00AM. Present were: Hank Brill, Madelyn Glaeden, Barbara Abraham, Ben Coopman, Tom Boguszewski, Krista Seils, Jeff Berens, Dennis Ryan, Chief Tom Dunkin, Deputy Chief Dan Davis, Capt. Jude Maurer, Pat Swartout

Capt. Maurer called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Hank Brill motioned to approve the minutes of July 13, 2011. The motion was seconded by Dennis Ryan. Motion passed unanimously.

Fatal accidents reviewed

- July 9, 2011 – 2 vehicles, 1 deceased. W. Madison Ave in Milton. Unoccupied vehicle rolling down driveway. Victim attempted to stop vehicle when struck in roadway by vehicle traveling EB. Victim was struck by the vehicle she was attempting to stop, passing away 16 days after crash. With the roadway straight, level and dry, and with a speed limit of 30 mph, Madelyn Glaeden questioned as to why the oncoming vehicle was unable to avoid the crash. Capt. Maurer could only offer the possibility the driver, unknowing the vehicle was unoccupied, assumed the vehicle was going to stop at the apron.
- August 7, 2011 – 1 vehicle, 1 deceased. Highway O at Highway J. 22 year old female on Westbound O, overcorrected when negotiating curve, hitting a large tree. No seatbelt was worn. Coroner's office reports alcohol level was .143.

Old Business

Krista Seils reported the alcohol levels on 2nd quarter fatalities. In the fatal crash of April 24, 2011 at Center and Racine, alcohol level was .181. In the June 25, 2011 fatality at Footville Brodhead Road, the level was 0.194.

Dennis Ryan distributed a collision diagram of the intersection at W Racine and Center Ave. (April 24, 2011 fatality). The flashing light mode from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. has not contributed to an accident in 3 years prior to April 24th.

Madelyn inquired as to why the make and model of vehicles was not reported on this quarter's analysis sheet. This was an oversight and Pat will correct.

New Business

In Andrea Loeffelholz's absence, Capt. Maurer distributed a Weekly Fatality Report, Motorcycle Fatality Summary and Bills of Interest Andrea provided via email. Motorcycle fatalities are currently down compared to previous years.

Jeff Berens reports the DOT is currently conducting a safety project at Highway 51 & Cranston in Beloit. The location experiences a number of rear end crashes. The DOT has also applied for funding to alleviate this problem area with left turn lanes and signals.

Current state projects include the I59 overlay between 104 & 213 and the Bridge project in Beloit. A speed limit study will be conducted on 59 in Edgerton on both the east and west side of town.

Capt. Maurer inquired as to whether a traffic impact analysis had been done at 14 & Shrine in the Town of Bradford. Jeff will look into.

Hank Brill questioned the curb along the bypass near the new dairy farm. Jeff advised this may have been done to conserve the right of way.

Capt. Maurer advised the Sheriff's Office new Reconstruction Team was up and running, having gone out on two crash sites to date. He also reports the Truck Enforcement team is also complete and prepared to service areas with high complaints of truck weight overages.

Ben Coopman suggested it may be beneficial to the Commission to have the Reconstruction Team available at the next Traffic Safety Commission meeting. Capt. Maurer will contact Sgt. Berlin with regard to attending the January meeting.

Public Input

None

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2012 at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Madelyn Glaeden moved to adjourn the meeting; Barbara Abraham seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Swartout
LES Secretary